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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

Listing of the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on 5.